



The attacking Riga TTT basketballers are one of the main contenders for the USSR championship gold in the top league. The Riga girls were successful at the Moscow tournament. Photo by Ilya Grzhibovsky

## Ivan Mishchenko gets coveted trophy

The "Golden Palm Branch" prize for the world's top road racing amateur cyclist was awarded to Ivan Mishchenko.

## Los Angeles: paying through the nose

The 1984 Summer Olympics will be the most difficult and costly for athletes compared with all the previous Games. Belgian Olympic Committee leader Dr Jacques Rogge told a press conference. We will have to pay twice as much to send the same delegation to the Los Angeles as we did in Moscow in 1980 and which comprised 120 people, he stressed.

The ministers in charge of our Olympic Committee were real shocked at the price asked by the Los Angeles Games organizers, said Ven Zede, General Secretary of Belgium's Olympic and Interfederal Committee.

At the same time, the Los Angeles Games will be the most "modest", Rogge claimed. While we got nice cars from the Organizing Committee at the 1980 Games, we will have to do with just two in Los Angeles.

Belgian Olympic movement leaders have decided to reduce their delegation to 40 or 60 athletes at the most.

## Ladies first

Marie Rosa Querio, of Italy, winner of Ski World Series special slalom, is congratulated on the podium by Herika Hama, of Switzerland, placed second, and teammate Daniela Zini, placed third, after she takes in Bormio, Italy.

Photo AP-TASS

## GALA ON ICE BACK WITH US AGAIN

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champions in pair skating, Yelena Vodorozova, the European championship bronze-holder and the USSR bronze-holder Alexander Pelevayev. The "Moscow News" competition should show if our Soviet skaters learnt from last year's mistakes.

I was lucky enough to train two dancing duets who won Olympic gold medals—Lyudmila Pakhomova-Alexander Gorshkov and Natalya Linchuk-Gennady Karponosov, said Yelena Chalkovskaya. I am now training Olga Volozhinskaya and Alexander Svinin. They already have some experience in competing at international level and should learn a lot from performing against strong Soviet and foreign pairs.

Another student of mine, Vladimir Kotin, holder of the 1981 "Moscow News" prize, will be presenting a new short programme and there have been some alterations to his free skating programme.

I rate the "Moscow News" competition to be in the highest category of difficulty, said Lyudmila Pakhomova, Olympic champion in skates dancing. It represents a vital debut for my 18-year-old Yelena Batanova and Alexei Soloviov. They have just won a representative tournament in Japan, came third at a London competition and are now determined to compete for a place in the national team. The same is true of 18-year-old Natalya Annenkov and Gennrikh Stetskiy. They took third place in Canada and now hope to attract expert attention.

A new and original item — rock'n'roll — has been added to the dancers' programme for this season. I must look forward to seeing our skaters performing it.

The "Moscow News" competition was the first international fixture in which I took part. It also provided me with the opportunity of showing off my Olympic programmes and now I am making my first appearance at the competition as coach, said Irina Rodnina, three times Olympic champion. I have been working as a trainer for eighteen months and I am

happy that the promising pair of Veronika Pershina and Marat Akberov, who were coached by Stanislav Zhuk, are now to be trained by me.

Pair skating has overcome its crisis position when, for example, only six pairs competed at the European championships. So the future now lies in the hands of the up-and-coming generation of skaters.

I was always happy to perform at the Palace of Sport and I wish success to all the skaters competing for the "Crystal Skate".

## 1982 'MOSKOVSKIYE NOVOSTI' FIGURE-SKATING COMPETITION SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 2
8:00—Women. Compulsory exercises. 3 figures.
18:30—Opening ceremony. Parade of competitors. Pairs. Short programme. Dancing. 2 compulsory dances.
DECEMBER 3
8:00—Men. Compulsory exercises. 3 figures.
18:30—Pairs. Free programme. Women. Short programme.
DECEMBER 4
14:00—Men. Short programme. Dances. One compulsory dance and an original dance.
18:30—Women. Free programme. Pairs. Demonstration skating.
DECEMBER 5
13:00—Men. Free programme. Dances. Free dance.
18:00—Closing ceremony. Parade of participants. Prize-awarding. Demonstration skating.

## Amateur boxing: five rounds

World cup winner Valery Abadzhiev, 24, beat 20-year-old Kurbanagadzhil Gadzhimov, from Makhachkala, in the national open division elimination

prize to be held in December, in Moscow, on a five round (two minutes each) experimental basis.

## Tre Kronor gearing up

Swedish ice-hockey national squad manager Permerstrom has named his lineup for the "Nordic" tournament in Moscow and two games versus the USSR at Gornya and Stockholm in the "Rude pravo" cup.

We will have four attacking trios plus three defences, said Permerstrom. He will determine our tactical patterns at the forthcoming world championships in West Germany, he told a press conference.

## SOVIET LEADERS MEET A 'COMMITTEE OF SEVEN' DELEGATION



During the talks.

The Soviet approach to a comprehensive peaceful settlement to the Middle East as outlined by Leonid Brezhnev on September 15 this year and the principles of such a settlement approved at the pan-Arab Pozmeling in the main, coincided. Thus a real opportunity has arisen for a broad coordinated effort to attain genuine peace in this region, stressed Yuri Andropov, Nikolai Tikhonov and Andrei Gromyko at a meeting with a delegation of the "Committee of Seven" led by King Hussein of Jordan. The Committee was set up following

a decision taken at the pan-Arab summit.

The Soviet side stressed that the American Middle East proposals launched this past September aim at splitting up the Arab nations, at foisting on them a solution advantageous only to Israel and the United States, and, above all, at preventing the creation of an independent Palestinian state.

In comparing notes on practical ways of reaching a Middle East settlement, the Arab delegation showed interest in the proposal for convening a special international conference on the

Middle East, to be attended by all interested parties, including the PLO.

Both sides fully condemned Israel's aggression in Lebanon and reaffirmed their demand for an immediate pullout of the Israeli occupation forces from that country.

They confirmed their joint desire for expanding cooperation between Arab states and the Soviet Union in the drive for a fair and lasting peace in the Middle East. The two sides further agreed to keep in close contact on Middle East settlement problems.

## WORTHY CONTENDERS FOR THE 'CRYSTAL SKATE'

- Figure skaters from 14 countries are competing for the "Crystal Skate", the main prize of the international skating competition sponsored by the "Moskovskiy Novosti" (Moscow News) newspaper.
- After the short programmes for skating pairs, compulsory duets and women's and men's singles, the Soviet skaters are in the lead.
- Right from the very first performances it has become evident that intensive competition will be the distinguishing feature of this pre-Olympic season.
- The competitions have attracted a highly authoritative body of foreign coaches and judges including Bernard Ford, the coach from Great Britain, many times world and European champion in ice dancing.
- More than 250 Soviet and foreign journalists are at work at the press centre.

## SOVIET-FRENCH MEETING

A meeting has taken place at the Kremlin between Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers Nikolai Tikhonov and Jean Pierre Chevènement, the French Minister of State and Minister for Research and Technology. The two statesmen express interest in the development of political dialogue between the Soviet Union and France and in the continuation and expansion of cooperation in the spheres of trade, economy, science, technology and arts on a mutual and long-term basis.

## COOPERATION TO BE EXPANDED

"Stable relations between the two countries", "the mutual desire to continue strengthening and developing these relations"—such are the keynotes statements contained in a joint Soviet-Turkish communiqué summarizing a recent visit to the USSR made by Turkish Foreign Minister Turgut Ersoy.

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## India's great son

The 93rd anniversary of the birth of Jawaharlal Nehru, the outstanding Indian political leader and statesman, has been celebrated in Moscow.

At a meeting dedicated to the event, it was noted that Nehru had devoted his life to liberating his country from colonial oppression and to building up an independent India.

The Indian Ambassador in Moscow V. K. Ahluja said that Nehru stood at the beginning of the friendly relations between the Indian and Soviet peoples.



Journalists call the "Moscow News" International Figure Skating Competition "the tournament of hopes and discoveries". It was at this competition that Yelena Batanova-Alexei Soloviov first came into the limelight. They are trained by the young coach, Lyudmila Pakhomova, the first Olympic ice dancing champion. The young couple are twice world junior champions and recently they won a prestigious competition in Japan. They are now competing for the "Crystal Skate".

It is noteworthy that this year several world-famous skaters are taking part in the event, and young coaches-for instance, the Olympic champions Irina Rodnina and Lyudmila Pakhomova. We tend to recognize the style of the teacher in performances by their young students. Irina Rodnina says, however, that she does not consider that students should necessarily copy their teacher. I have 15 figure skaters in my class and I hope that each one of them will forge his or her own path on the ice.

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## FACTS and EVENTS

The Israeli aggressors have inflicted terrible wounds on the long-suffering Lebanese people. Hundreds of thousands of Lebanese and Palestinians whose homes were destroyed during the Israeli invasion continue to live without a roof over their head. They have been forced to take shelter in the ruins of houses, and in tents and shacks built out of tin and cardboard. Stories of this description have sprung up in the suburbs of Beirut, Tripoli, and other major cities.

In the photo: a homeless Palestinian family. Photo UN-TASS

● Almost one-third of Great Britain's coal mines at present in operation will be closed

over the next eight years, according to a recent decision taken by the National Coal Board, said NCB President Siddall. This will mean that over 70,000 British coal miners will become unemployed.

● The EEC statistical board reports that prices in Common Market countries have risen by an average of 0.1 per cent over the past year. The largest price hikes have been registered in Greece, Italy and Ireland.

## APPEAL TO THE FILM AND TV WORKERS OF THE WORLD

In November of this year, a conference between the leaders of the cinema and TV workers' unions of the socialist countries was held in Prague. These present approved an appeal to the film and TV workers of the world, which reads as follows: "We appeal to cinema and TV workers on all continents of the planet to develop their talent and creative abilities in the promotion of world peace. In the hope that the united front of workers in the arts dedicated to the promotion of peace and progress will continue to expand and extend our hand to all countries."

Language irrespective of their political, philosophical and religious convictions, let us not allow the existing differences to our ways of life to become an obstacle to the development of a common future. We are convinced that mankind will be able to prevent the threat of a nuclear war and ensure lasting peace for all peoples of the world, establishing trust, friendship and mutual cooperation among them. We believe that the cinema and television will be effective instruments in the struggle for this future."



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## KALEVI SORSA

## OPPOSED TO AMERICAN MISSILES

Helsinki. The deployment in Western Europe of the new American nuclear medium-range missiles would start a new spiral in the arms race and fan up international tension, said the Finnish Prime Minister Kalevi Sorsa. He pointed to the need to achieve progress at the negotiations on limiting nuclear weapons in Europe on the basis of renouncing the deployment of American missiles on the territory of European states.

The Prime Minister also spoke of the need to uplift the

prestige of the United Nations and to raise its role and responsibility in the solution of such important issues for the whole of mankind as the strengthening of peace and the elimination of poverty.

Speaking in favour of the creation of nuclear-free zones to the north of Europe, he stressed that the implementation of this proposal would strengthen the security of the northern countries and of the whole of Europe.

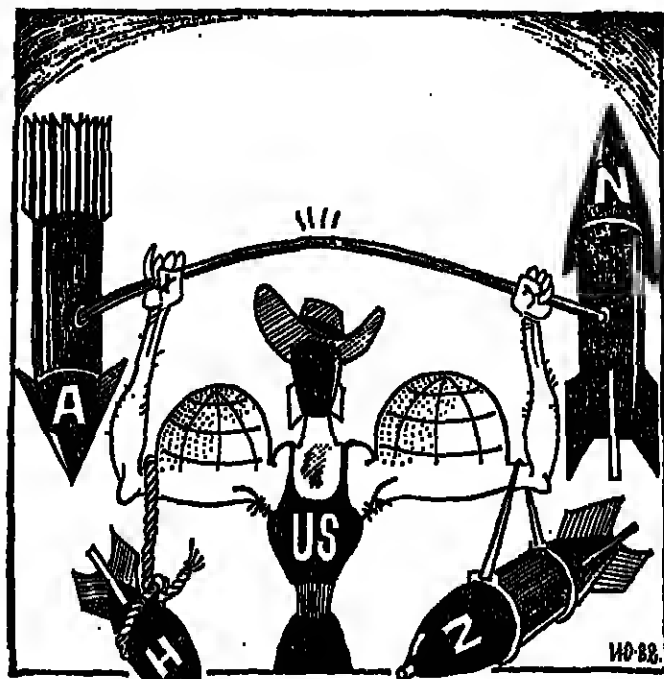
SOCIALISTS COME OUT WITH  
GOVERNMENT PROGRAMME IN SPAIN

Madrid. The Congress of Deputies, which is the lower chamber in the Spanish parliament, has overwhelmingly voted in favour of the appointment of F. González, Secretary-General of the Socialist Workers' Party, as the new Prime Minister of Spain.

During the intense debate on the government programme proposed by the Socialists, F. González made a number of important statements with reference to the domestic and foreign policies to be followed by his cabinet. He gave details of government plans to combat inflation, the economic recession, to eliminate the deficit in the government budget and to achieve further progress in auto-employment. F. González confirmed the Socialist Party's commitment to progress, to the maintenance of

law and order and to observance of the country's constitution.

In foreign politics, he confirmed that it was the new government's intention to stop Spain joining the military wing of NATO, which, as he said, would mean that the country would stay "outside the integrated military structure" of the North Atlantic Alliance. He said that his government was going to hold a referendum on Spain's membership of NATO. On relations with the United States, the Socialist leader noted that these must be maintained on an equitable footing. F. González also stressed his government's resolve not to allow the deployment on Spanish soil of nuclear weapons, and its intention of signing, with some reservations, the treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.



Global dreams.

Drawing by Yuri Ivanov

## THATCHER GOVERNMENT DECISION

London. The Parliamentary Undersecretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Malcolm Rifkind has told the House of Commons that Britain will not be party in the present conditions to the agreement regulating the development of sea bottom resources.

Local political observers point out that this cabinet move follows hard on the heels of a similar decision by the White House and is the result of a

strong diplomatic effort by Washington to force its allies to refuse to sign the convention. The International Convention on the Law of the Sea resulted from many years of negotiation. The final draft which was approved by 130 nations last April envisages a range of measures to protect the resources of the World Ocean from being plundered by transnational corporations.

## GENEVA TALKS TO RESUME IN FEBRUARY

Geneva. Another round has ended in the Soviet-American talks on limiting and reducing strategic arms.

It has been agreed that the talks will be resumed on February 2, 1983.

NEW PRESIDENT  
FOR MEXICO

Mexico City. The new President of Mexico Miguel de la Madrid has assumed office. A Revolutionary Institutional, he was elected to the highest state office in general elections held on July 4 of this year.

Miguel de la Madrid takes over from Jose Lopez Portillo in whose government he was Secretary for Planning and Federal Budget.

After being sworn in M. de la Madrid made a speech in which he outlined the main trends of his foreign and home policy for the next six years.

Mexico, he said, will continue its firm defence of freedom and independence, democracy and justice, while on the international arena it will staunchly defend peoples' right to self-determination and to national sovereignty. We are for non-interference into the affairs of other states and for peaceful settlement of all disputes, the Mexican president stated. We will work for disarmament to the sake of preserving peace and towards equal and effective international cooperation.

COOPERATION  
TO BE EXPANDED

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The communiqué notes that the minister was in the Soviet Union at the invitation of the USSR government. He was received by Nikolai Tikhonov, Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, talked with USSR Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and discussed bilateral trade and economic and industrial cooperation with USSR Foreign Minister Nikolai Patolichev and Vice-Chairman of the State Committee of the USSR Council of Ministers for Foreign Economic Relations Il'dor Kulykov. Both parties expressed their satisfaction with the present state of trading relations and economic, industrial and technical cooperation between the two countries and reaffirmed their willingness to further expand mutually profitable trade and economic relations on the basis of a full protocol to the effect that the payments be made in convertible currency. The desirability of discussing new opportunities for cooperation in the economy and industry, including power engineering, was also stressed.

## EXTRADITION DEMANDED

Ottawa. Canada's legal authorities have asked the country's federal government to press the United States for extradition of four heads of the American Jewry Corporation charged with having failed to pay Canada 28,000,000 dollars in customs duties. According to the "World Star" newspaper, over the course of many years the corporation have falsified documents to establish a new and just international economic order.

EDWARD KENNEDY NOT  
TO STAND AGAIN  
FOR PRESIDENCY

Washington. Senator Edward Kennedy has announced that he will not be running at Democratic Party candidate for the American presidency in 1984.

The cited personal circumstances are the cause for his decision. As is well known, his brother, President John Kennedy, and his son, Robert Kennedy, who ran as a presidential candidate in 1968, were the victims of political assassinations.

FACTS  
and EVENTS

Growing alarm is being expressed in the American scientific community by the disappearance of the level of our teaching in the amount of teaching time devoted to the exact sciences in American colleges and universities, writes the "USA Today" newspaper. Only one-third of all schoolchildren at American secondary schools undergo a three-year maths course and less than a half are taught any exact sciences.

According to "The Times" of London, South African drivers are the most dangerous in the world. Statistics show that twice as many pedestrians die per every kilometre of roads in South Africa as compared to any other country with the same traffic intensity.

## ROGERS

## BRANDISHES

## NUCLEAR STICK

Roma. The United States and the other NATO countries may be the first to use nuclear weapons. This statement was made by NATO's Supreme Allied Commander in Europe General Roger in an interview to the West German newspaper "Die Welt".

The general stressed that in order to be able to do this the United States must have an entire complex of nuclear armaments at its disposal, ranging from close combat arms to strategic weapons, which will make it possible for the Americans to resort to the use of nuclear weapons should "we consider it necessary". Our policies are so designed to reserve us the right to be the first to use nuclear weapons, he stressed.

Ethiopian leader  
on African problems

Addis Ababa. Addressing a Pan-African Conference at the International Gold Mercury Price Association, Chairman of the Ethiopian Provisional Military Administrative Council Mengistu Haile Mariam stressed that the peoples of all countries are sincere in their desire for peace, progress and justice regardless of their social system or level of development. He noted that imperialist circles are doing their utmost to destabilise the African countries and to prevent them as sources of cheap raw materials and as markets for the Western monopolies. In order to overcome their difficulties the African nations must first and foremost eliminate their economic dependence on the West, he said.

Mengistu Haile Mariam emphasised the need for the all-round development of mutually beneficial cooperation between recently liberated states and for the expansion and strengthening of their economic ties at regional and subregional levels. He called for more active efforts to establish a new and just international economic order.

PROSPECTS FOR CHINA'S  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Peking. Xinhua-TASS. Delegates attending the Fifth Session of the National People's Congress in Peking have heard a report on the sixth five-year plan for 1981-85, delivered by Zhao Ziyang, the Premier of China's State Council.

Over this period, he said, it is planned to continue policies aimed at the adjustment, transformation, regulation and improvement of the country's economy. To this end, efforts are



There are more than 30 thousand unemployed teachers at the present time in West Germany, according to figures at the disposal of the trade union of education and scientific workers. Continuous reductions in budget allocations for social needs necessitated in the first place by huge military expenditures as well as by the notorious "ban on professions" — such are the main causes of the actual situation. Dozens of thousands of qualified teachers are unable to find jobs while West German schools are crying out for additional staff.

In the photo: "Excellent prospects — unemployed teachers become shoe-shine boys," reads a poster put up by young Bonn teachers who have decided to draw public attention to their plight.

## Science and technology

PERFORATED WINGS  
FOR FUEL REDUCTIONS

Aerodynamic tests have shown that a multitude of capillary-size holes made along the front edge of the wing of a plane considerably reduce air resistance. The American Douglas aircraft corporation intends to make use of this discovery which, it is estimated, cuts down the aerodynamic resistance of a big airliner to such an extent that 40 per cent savings in fuel are achieved.

Douglas factories already possess plant with so electron beam capable of making up to 250 holes per square centimetre at titanium plate, which means that no major modifications will be needed to its technology. The next problem to be tackled is how to prevent the holes from being blocked by dust, minute dust particles or insects. At the moment, it is proposed to fit

perforated wing with a sprinkling system which will spray liquid film over the holes on landing. The film, which quickly solidifies, can be easily blown off by the wind on takeoff.

SAILING TO ANTARCTICA  
IN A SCHOONER

An expedition of Australian, New Zealand, British, American and Danish researchers have set off for Eastern Antarctica from Australia in a 20-metre-long schooner. They are to sail in the Antarctic ice-fields and carry out biological research, part of which will be devoted to the study of the effect of a large-scale catch at plankton upon the environment of the sea surrounding the Antarctic. The schooner is scheduled to sail Prydz Bay and to become ice-bound there with the approach of winter. The vessel is designed in such a way that it will be pushed upwards where the ice packs round it really hard. Those taking part in the 15-month-long expedition, however, admit it is quite a risky enterprise, for in case of accident they will have to walk 150 kilometres over the ice to reach Davis Station.

## TASK GROUP 168

New York. The work of the CIA, the National Security Agency and of Army Intelligence is complemented by that of special Task Group 168 which collects intelligence from all regions of the world without exception, writes "The Wall Street Journal". This, writes the paper, is the code name for the Pentagon's "supersecret department" whose task it is to use any means to obtain intelligence data on the activities of foreign states on the high seas.

## OF INTEREST

Unusual  
duty for firemen

Tokyo. Japanese have been handed with an unusual job — they are often called on to help couples who are thinking of getting married. Whether guided by the traditional idea of the fragility of a woman's heart, or concerned over the fact that Japanese men are now buying their fiancées' wedding rings which are only removed by their fiancées' firemen, more than one couple has been saved from disaster by the timely intervention of a fireman. Firemen are also called on to help couples who are thinking of getting married. Whether guided by the traditional idea of the fragility of a woman's heart, or concerned over the fact that Japanese men are now buying their fiancées' wedding rings which are only removed by their fiancées' firemen, more than one couple has been saved from disaster by the timely intervention of a fireman.

## FROM THE SOVIET PRESS

## SOCIETY FOR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

The activities of the USSR-FRG Friendship Society which celebrated its tenth anniversary this year are described in IZVESTIA by its chairman Leonid Zamyatin. He notes that what has been achieved over the past decade is a jointly beneficial experience which, at one and the same time facilitates progress and sets tasks for the future. These do not become any simpler. On the contrary, they become more complex as the international situation has changed, unfortunately, for the worse.

We would like to believe that the Soviet Union and the FRG will continue their well-tested line to preserve what has been achieved and to develop cooperation in different areas on a constant and indestructible basis as well as the ability to respond to trust with trust. A noticeable role is played here by the joint activities of the friendship societies. Their duty is to help preserve and improve the mutual understanding that has been gained and to promote good-neighbourly relations, L. Zamyatin writes.

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT: ANOTHER  
PACK OF LIES

It is under this title that PRAVDA comments a report by the US State Department alleging that the Soviet Union and its allies used chemical weapons in Laos, Kampuchea and Afghanistan. As an added piece of mockery, the report bears the subtitle, "New evidence". However, there is nothing even vaguely approaching a fact or documentary evidence in the whole report. It is rather filled with idle gossip and rumours which are described in certain anonymous "witnesses". This sort of "information" can be reproduced anywhere and in any quantity. Only it will prove nothing.

The real truth about those who use chemical weapons would have come into the open if at a State Department press conference newsmen had been shown the US-made chemical weapons which had been handed over provided with before being sent to Afghanistan, or the American chemical bombs dropped on the Salvadoran patriots by the punitive troops of the dictatorships, or the containers carrying poison which claimed the lives and health of 1.0 million Vietnamese during the years of the American aggression.

IS THE 'THIRD WORLD' A ZONE  
OF EAST-WEST CONFRONTATION?

It was from this angle that the Western representatives were trying to consider the problems at the "third world", including Africa, at the International Politics-82 conference held at the International Institute for Pacific and Witschall (Haus Rissen), in Hamburg, writes Anatoly Gramyko, Corresponding Member of the USSR Academy of Sciences and a delegate to the conference, in LITERATURNAYA GAZETA. The Soviet delegation, he notes, refused all talk about Africa as being on "a path of discord" between the USSR and the USA, between the world of socialism and NATO. The United States and the former "mother countries" are guided most of all by the political and economic self-interest of the 50 independent African states and by their demands to restructure the entire system of relations with the West. They still look down on the Africans underestimating their political maturity. This explains the attempts to lay the blame on the USSR, Cuba and the other socialist states for any event taking place in Africa which is of variance with the interests of the West. From time to time some Western politicians declare their right to conduct an armed struggle against independent countries and progressive forces in the Dark Continent. Preaching hegemony, they substitute force for law.

## PENTAGON 'GIFTS'

The Pentagon is getting ready to deploy the most up-to-date medium-range nuclear weapons in Western Europe, the newspaper SOVIETSKAYA ROSSIYA writes. Building work is in full swing at a number of bases in Britain and the FRG which are to get the lion's share of the latest "gifts".

A substantial proportion of them will be installed in Italy. 112 Tomahawks will be installed at the Cambric air base in Sicily. All decisions on launching the missiles and choosing the targets will be taken by the American command. The Cambric base will be targeted not only at objectives on the territory of the USSR, it will also be a tool of nuclear blackmail against the Mediterranean African states and countries in the Middle East.



## Spaghetti museum

A spaghetti museum has been opened in a small village in Italy. The museum traces the history of spaghetti, the most popular of Italian dishes.

Also on display are numerous recipes for cooking it as well as documents which testify that the first spaghetti factory was built in 1805.

## VIEWPOINT

Yuri BUKSIN

A MILLION A DAY  
KEEPS PEACE AWAY

Politicians have several ways of achieving peace, while we have but one: fight SWAPO until peace is restored. General Charles Lloyd, commander of the South African forces in Namibia, is as straightforward as they come according to him, settlement in that country is possible only by sword and fire.

Lloyd's chief—South African defence minister Magnus Malan—also threatens the neighbouring "frontline states": they will avoid being attacked by Pretoria's armed forces, he says, only if they stop their support for the liberation movements within Namibia and South Africa itself.

These are as hollow threats. They are the result both of the belatedly practised by the racist regime and of the role ascribed to South Africa by the current Washington administration in its global policy of confrontation.

Point One under the sub-heading "Goals" at documents relating to relations with South Africa in the possession of Charles Crocker, US assistant secretary of state for Africa affairs, reads as follows: Explain to South Africa that we are ready to open up a new chap-

ter in our relations proceeding from strategic reality and the part played in it by South Africa. "Strategic reality", according to Crocker, is the so-called Soviet threat to southern Africa. Pretoria should, in line with Washington's strategy, act as a guardian of Western interests in the south of Africa.

The West has far-reaching plans for that part of the continent. The International Monetary Fund has just loaned 1,100 million dollars to South Africa, with American approval. Assisted by NATO countries the racist regime has built up a war industry, the biggest in Africa. According to data released by the United States, South Africa is the world's fourth largest arms manufacturer even though no one threatens it from the outside. In contravention of a 1977 UN Security Council resolution, South Africa is producing lighter-bombers, combat and transport helicopters, missile boats, and rockets under license from Western arms companies. It also mass-produces 125-mm guns capable of firing shells with nuclear warheads.

In the current fiscal year Pretoria has boosted military expenditure by 30.4 per cent over

that for last year. Its armed forces are being beefed up, with plans for raising the draft contingent from the current figure of 500,000 men to nearly a million by 1987 in case of mobilization.

By comparison, Western arm expenditure at the five "frontline states" (Angola, Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Tanzania) which allegedly threaten South African security, amounts to less than 50 per cent of South Africa's annual expenditure on arms. Numerically, South African ground forces alone have a four to one superiority over those countries.

Alarmist reports come hot on the heels of this belittling statement made by the South African defence minister, that were South Africa eager to destabilize the situation on the subcontinent it would not do this gradually, but right off at one fell swoop. One of those reports concerned a secret agreement signed in early November

at a meeting of military experts from the United States, Israel and South Africa, envisaging tests of the US Tomahawk cruise missile to South Africa and its subsequent adoption by the racist regime.

Still more worrying was a recent report by the UN Special Committee Against Apartheid to the effect that Tel Aviv and Pretoria are developing a cruise missile with a range of 1,500 kilometres, as well as a neutron bomb and several nuclear weapons systems, many important parts for which can only be acquired from the United States.

A report on the markets published by the US Commerce Department and carried in the Johannesburg-based "Sunday Times" notes that South Africa is the biggest market for American goods in Africa. In 1981-82 the United States will remain among South Africa's major foreign suppliers. The latest figures indicate that American aggregate direct investment in South Africa is nearing 3,000 million dollars, with 350 subsidiaries of American companies operating there. The United States imports from South Africa strategically important manganese, chrome, and rare metals.

These facts point convincingly not to a mythical "Soviet threat" to the region, but to American self-seeking imperial ambitions, which Washington is prepared to defend by all means fair or foul. And the most important of them being a buildup of the racist military might.

This, then, is why Pretoria does not limit itself to threatening its neighbours, but stages recurrent armed incursions into Angola, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Zambia. This underlined permanent "war against independence" of South Africa is costing South Africa 1,000,000 dollars per day—much as the "yellow" press for "peace" is "absorbed" each







# ENTERTAINMENT

## CONCERTS IN DECEMBER

The drama company from Madrid is to tour the Soviet Union for the first time. In Moscow, it will perform "Don Quixote", a drama by Federico Garcia Lorca.

There will also be concerts of piano music to be given by pianists from Spain, Italy, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria.

The name of Peter Donohoe, a pianist from Britain, became known after his brilliant performance at the 7th International Tchaikovsky Competition. In Moscow he will play Rachmaninov's 3rd concerto for piano and orchestra with the symphony or-

chestra of the Moscow state philharmonic society.

The Austrian piano duo Jue-lee Franz — Christopher Eschenbach — and an opera singer from Ecuador, Beatriz Parra, will be among those participating, along with outstanding Soviet performers, in the "December Evenings" festival of chamber music. The festival is devoted to the work of Mozart and arranged by the Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts in Moscow.

Show business enthusiasts will be able to enjoy performances by variety artists and groups from Poland, the GDR, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and other countries.

## BONDARCHUK'S REVOLUTIONARY EPIC

The revolutionary events in Russia in 1917 are the subject of a new two-part feature film, "I Saw the Birth of a New World", the public preview of which has been held in Moscow.

The film portrays with documentary precision the most important stages in the preparations for and the accomplishment of the October Socialist Revolution of 1917 and Lenin's activities in the Communist Party at the time. Anatoly Ulyuzhanov was cast in the part of Lenin. This is the actor's first appearance on the screen.

The film, says its director Sergei Bondarchuk, was conceived as "a revolutionary epic" based on authentic historical documents.

Many events in the film are shown through the eyes of American journalist John Reed (1887-1920), an eyewitness and participant in the October

Revolution of 1917. John Reed described his experiences in the book "Ten Days That Shook the World", which was highly appreciated by Lenin. The role of John Reed is played by Italian actor, Franco Nero.

"I Saw the Birth of a New World" is the second and last part of a series of films by Sergei Bondarchuk, which he has named "Red Belles". The subject of the series is the movement of the revolutionary mass of the people. Part One is based on John Reed's book on the uprising in Mexico, and the Mexican Revolution of 1910-1913. It was the main prize, the Crystal Globe, at the International film festival in Karlovy Vary and is at present enjoying a successful run on Soviet screens. The "Red Belles" film series is a Soviet-Mexican (Cancun-2) and Italian (Videa International) co-production.

Theatre, Cinema and TV Stars

## IRINA BOGACHOVA



For the past seventeen years Irina Bogachova has been a soloist with the Leningrad Kirov Opera and Ballet Company. She possesses a strong, wide-ranging voice, even in tone at all registers, a reproachless vocal technique, spontaneous performing ability, great artistry and musicality. Her repertoire includes various roles from operas by Russian, Soviet and foreign composers.

Bogachova is at her best as Carmen, in Bizet's opera of the same name, as Maria to Musorgsky's "Khovanshchik" and as Lyubasha in Rimsky-Korsakov's "The Tsar's Bride".

Maria is one of the most difficult roles in Russian opera. As soon as Bogachova as Maria appears on the stage one is made aware of the organic way she has combined in the image the traits of the "evil dissembler" and protectress of the old faith with those of the former boyar's wife, Silskaya still at the mercy of her worthy rival.

Li Bogachova's Maria is more outraged than loving, then her Lyubasha, in "The Tsar's Bride", loves Gyznot passionately, devotedly. In creating this image, Bogachova proceeds directly from Rimsky-Korsakov's music which is penetrated through and through with the stirring intonations of Russian folk song.

Though Lyubasha is a more open, emotional character than the sectarian Maria, there is a lot in common in both the fate and character of the two. Both are Russian women of strong temperament, destined for a tragic end; though deeply outraged they manage to retain their nobility of spirit even in sorrow.

This year the Kirov Company are celebrating their 200th anniversary and for Irina Bogachova this means new roles. Not long ago she sang one of the main parts in Prokofiev's "War and Peace" and in Petrov's "Peter the Great".

Alexander GRECHANY

In the photo: Irina Bogachova as Lyubasha in Rimsky-Korsakov's opera "The Tsar's Bride". Photo by Andrei Stepanov

## TOURING BULGARIA

The Children's Musical Theatre of Moscow has started its tour of Bulgaria by a performance at the international music festival in Sofia.

The company's festival programme includes some of its best works: "The Jungle", an opera by Dagestan composer Sh. Chalavayev based on the book "Mowgli" by R. Kipling, S. Prokofiev's symphonic fairy tale "Petya and the Wolf" and others.

The theatre will also give performances in Sofia, capital of Bulgaria as well as in other cities.

## MEXICAN ARTIST EXHIBITS IN ODESSA

An exhibition of political paintings by the well-known Mexican artist, Leopoldo Mendez, has opened in Odessa.

On display at the Museum of Western and Oriental Art are some 80 works by the master—

drawings, engravings and lithographs. Of particular interest to visitors are works from the "Images of the Mexican Revolution" cycle, which exposes imperialism.

After Odessa, the exhibition will go to Volgograd.

## WHAT'S ON?

December 4-6

### THEATRES

Kremlin Palace of Congresses (Kremlin). 5 (mat) — A concert; 5 (eve) — A concert by the Moscow Ballet School pupils. Bolshoi Theatre performance: 4 — Rimsky-Korsakov, "The Tsar's Bride" (opera).

Bolshoi Theatre (Sverdlov Sq.). 4 — Khachaturian, "Spartacus" (ballet); 5 (mat) — Musorgsky, "Boris Godunov" (opera); 5 (eve) — Prokofiev, "Ivan the Terrible" (ballet).

Stanislavsky and Nemirovich-Danchenko Musical Theatre (17 Pushkinskaya St.). 4 — Tchaikovsky, "The Queen of Spades" (opera); 5 (mat) — Morozov, "Doctor Doolittle" (ballet); 5 (eve) — Tchaikovsky, "Eugene Onegin" (opera); 6 — Tchaikovsky, "Swan Lake" (ballet).

Operetta Theatre (5 Pushkinskaya St.). 4 — Kalman, "Eve's Visit" (opera); 5 — Feltman, "Let the Guitar Play" (opera); 6 — Grokhovsky, "Quadrille" (opera).

### FILMS

Private Reckonings (Belarus Film Studios, USSR).

Even a good factory record is not a replacement for human attitudes and understanding.

Cinema "Lilva" (29/8 Leningrad Prospekt). Metro Ustvarist. Bus 103 or 150.

Rhythms of Songs, two parts (India).

A melodrama about two step-sisters who are brought up in the family of an old teacher.

Cinema "Patriot" (4 Salyan Aditya St. Metro Polezayevskaya or Sokol).

### EXHIBITIONS

Exhibition Hall, USSR Academy of Arts (21 Kropotkinskaya St.). One-man exhibition by Oleg Komov (featuring about 100 pieces of sculpture and more than 200 drawings. On view are the artist's models of monuments to Pushkin, Yermolov, Suvorov and Tolstoy).

# BUSINESS

## INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION ELECTRONMASH-82



David May, of the British firm Dage Intersem Limited (first from left) designed the Micro Place System MPS-100, one of the items displayed at the show.

Photo by Gennady Dubelkovsky

The Electronmash-82, International specialized exhibition of equipment for the manufacture and control of electronic engineering goods, has opened in Moscow. The exhibition is held on the initiative of the USSR Ministry of the Electronic Industry. About 300 firms and organizations from 14 countries are taking part and more than 2,000 items are on display, an indication of the popularity of such shows.

The Soviet section is represented by the Technomachexport stand on which automatic photographic and assembly equipment for the production of large and super-large-scale integrated circuits is on show. A symposium for representatives of Soviet industrial enterprises and scientific organizations will be held during the exhibition. A USSR Ministry of Foreign Trade commercial centre is functioning at the show, which goes on till December 9.

## Sports gear from Prague

At the annual Prague-82 exhibition, held in Moscow at the Czechoslovak trade mission, Muscovites and guests to our capital recently had the opportunity to become acquainted with many items of sports gear made in Czechoslovakia. Of special interest was the display of sports equipment featuring Arts and Forward ice-hockey

sticks and gear, volleyballs and equipment for speed and figure skaters.

Sports enthusiasts in this country will be able to acquire some of the above items by early next year: Soviet foreign trade organizations have concluded a contract for the delivery to the USSR of consumer sports gear.

## SOVIET-JAPANESE LINKS IN TRACTOR MANUFACTURING

A delegation of Soviet tractor manufacturers, led by Deputy Minister of Tractor and Agricultural Machine Building Vasily Myshkov, has visited Japan. They discussed the scientific-technical cooperation which has been steadily developing between the manufacturers of both countries.

The two sides held detailed discussions with the Komatsu company relating to the results of cooperation and to future plans for the manufacture of industrial tractors. In the current five-year period the production of high-capacity tractors is to be increased in the USSR.

The Soviet delegation spent a week in Japan. Apart from Komatsu it had meetings with other companies with which it maintains business links, and also with new companies which showed interest in establishing mutually beneficial cooperation with Soviet organizations.

## HOUSEWARMING PARTY FOR TRADE MISSION

The trade mission of the Hungarian People's Republic in the USSR has moved into a new building, in Krasnaya Presnaya Street.

The complex consists of a five-storey administrative building and a seven-storey hotel. It was built by Moscow and Hungarian construction workers while Georgian artists are responsible for the internal decor.

## A DICTIONARY FOR THE FOOD INDUSTRY

There will be about 15 thousand entries in the new "Russian-Vietnamese Dictionary on the Food Industry" which is soon to go to the printers. It is being published jointly by Ruskoy Vostok and the Hanoi Science and Technology publishers.



## AEROFLOT INVITES YOU

TO MAKE A FASCINATING TRIP TO MOSCOW FOR THE "RUSSIAN WINTER" ART FESTIVAL HELD DECEMBER 25 THROUGH JANUARY 8.

AT GALA PARTS AND CONCERTS YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ADMIRE THE SKILL OF THE FINEST SOVIET OPERA, BALLET, VARIETY, AND CIRCUS ARTISTS, AND SEE PERFORMANCES OF THE SONG AND DANCE ENSEMBLES OF THE PEOPLES OF THE USSR. YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO FEEL THE CHARM OF FROSTY AIR AND TAKE A SPIN IN A RUSSIAN TROIKA TO THE CRYSTAL TINKLING OF BELLS.

DETAILED INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED AT ANY OFFICE OR AGENCY OF AEROFLOT AND INTOURIST.

FLY AEROFLOT TO THE "RUSSIAN WINTER" ART FESTIVAL!



## АЭРОФЛОТ Soviet airlines

## USSR-MADAGASCAR: STRENGTHENING OF COOPERATION

It is now ten years since diplomatic relations were established between the USSR and Madagascar, paving the way for the development of broad bilateral cooperation in the sphere of the economy, trade, and culture. At present cooperation continues to expand to the benefit of the peoples of both countries.

The "Atrika", a Malagasy government newspaper, devoted a series of articles to the anniversary, showing the benefit derived from cooperation with the

Soviet Union and its great contribution to the implementation of a programme for socio-economic change in the republic. 1,200 Bialuz tractors, for instance, are at work in the fields of Madagascar, and the number of Malagasy students studying at Soviet establishments of higher education grows by the year.

Documents, recently signed, the paper notes, envisage the contribution to Madagascar of a range of industrial and other projects with Soviet technical help.

## MAIDEN VOYAGE

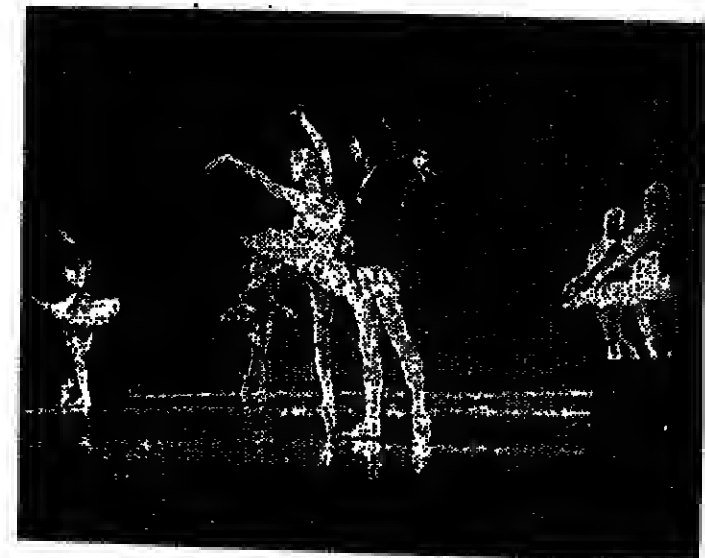
"The Norik", a diesel built for the Soviet Union at the Finnish Wärtsilä shipyard, has made her maiden voyage.

She picked up a batch of large-diameter pipes from the Dutch port of Rotterdam destined for the Siberia-Western Europe gas pipeline and set sail for Murmansk. From Murmansk the pipes will be delivered to their destination by rail, while the diesel, escorted by ice-breakers, will proceed to Dudinka, in the Arctic. "The Norik" is the first ship in a new series which is being built by Finnish yards for the Murmansk sea steamship company.

## Metro for Warsaw

Work has begun on the construction of the Warsaw Metro at Ursynow, a new residential area in the Polish capital.

The project — the largest transportation enterprise ever to have been undertaken in the city — will be executed with technological cooperation and assistance from the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union will supply wagons and technological documentation. In addition, Soviet experts will act as consultants in supervising the engineering work. A large group of Polish builders will be trained in the construction of metros in the USSR, and particularly in those where technological conditions resemble those in Warsaw.



The Days of the Soviet Union devoted to the 80th anniversary of the USSR are being held in many countries. For instance, in Colombia, at the biggest theatre in Bogota, the capital of the country, guest performances were given by Soviet ballet dancers from various Union republics. Ukrainian artists have appeared in several West German cities.

In the photos: Soviet ballet dancers on the stage of the theatre in Bogota (top).

A trio of handra-players from the Lvov Conservatoire during a concert in Hamburg.

